

Major Mines of Nevada 1995

Mineral Industries in Nevada's Economy

The Nevada Division of Minerals

1996

This is the seventh of an annual series of summary reports on major mines of Nevada. Sand and gravel operations are not included. Information on employment and production for the calendar year 1995 was provided by the individual mine operators. The Nevada Division of Minerals maintains a complete register of Nevada mines; for further information, contact them at 400 W. King, Suite 106, Carson City, Nevada 89710 or call (702) 687-5050.

THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
DIVISION OF MINERALS

The Nevada Division of Minerals, a part of the Department of Business and Industry, is responsible for administering programs and activities to promote, advance, and protect mining and the development and production of petroleum and geothermal resources in Nevada. The Division's mission is to conduct activities to further the responsible development and production of the State's mineral resources to benefit and promote the welfare of the people of Nevada. The seven-member Commission on Mineral Resources is a public body appointed by the Governor and directs mineral-related policy for the Division and advises the Governor and Legislature on matters relating to mineral resources. The Division focuses its efforts on three main areas: Industry relations and public affairs; regulation of oil, gas, and geothermal drilling activities and well operations; and abandoned mine lands.

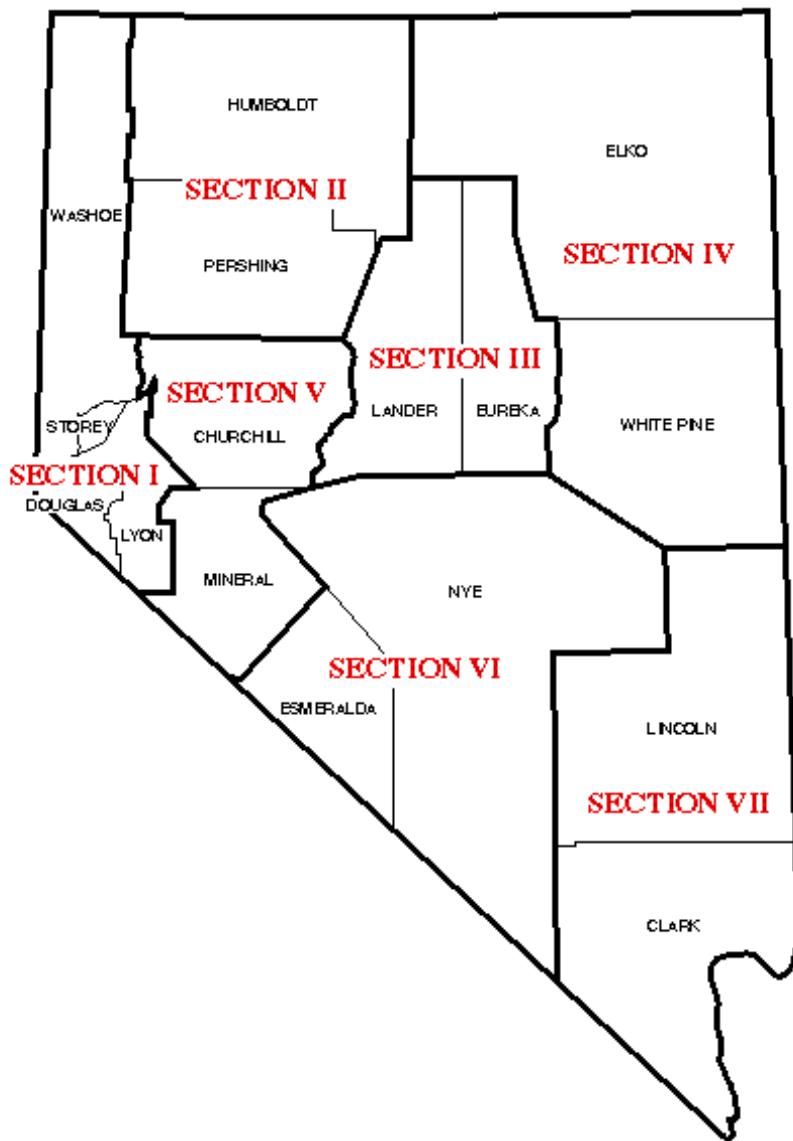
The agency is involved in a wide array of activities relating to mineral development. Staff compiles annual data on all active mines in Nevada and maintains the State's mine registry. Information concerning mining operations and production is made available to the public through this yearly publication. Educational documents and materials concerning many aspects of the minerals industry are also produced. The Division participates in governmental activities affecting policies and laws concerning the minerals industry and resource development.

The Division is responsible for permitting, inspecting, and monitoring all oil, gas, and geothermal drilling activities on both public and private lands in Nevada. Staff also monitors production of oil, gas, and geothermal resources to insure proper management and conservation. The Administrator is the Governor's Official Representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

The Division's abandoned mine lands program provides for public safety by identifying and ranking dangerous conditions which have resulted from mining practices which took place at mines that are no longer operating, and by securing dangerous orphaned mine openings. The program continually urges the public to recognize and avoid hazardous abandoned mines. The State's reclamation bond pool is administered within the abandoned mine lands program.

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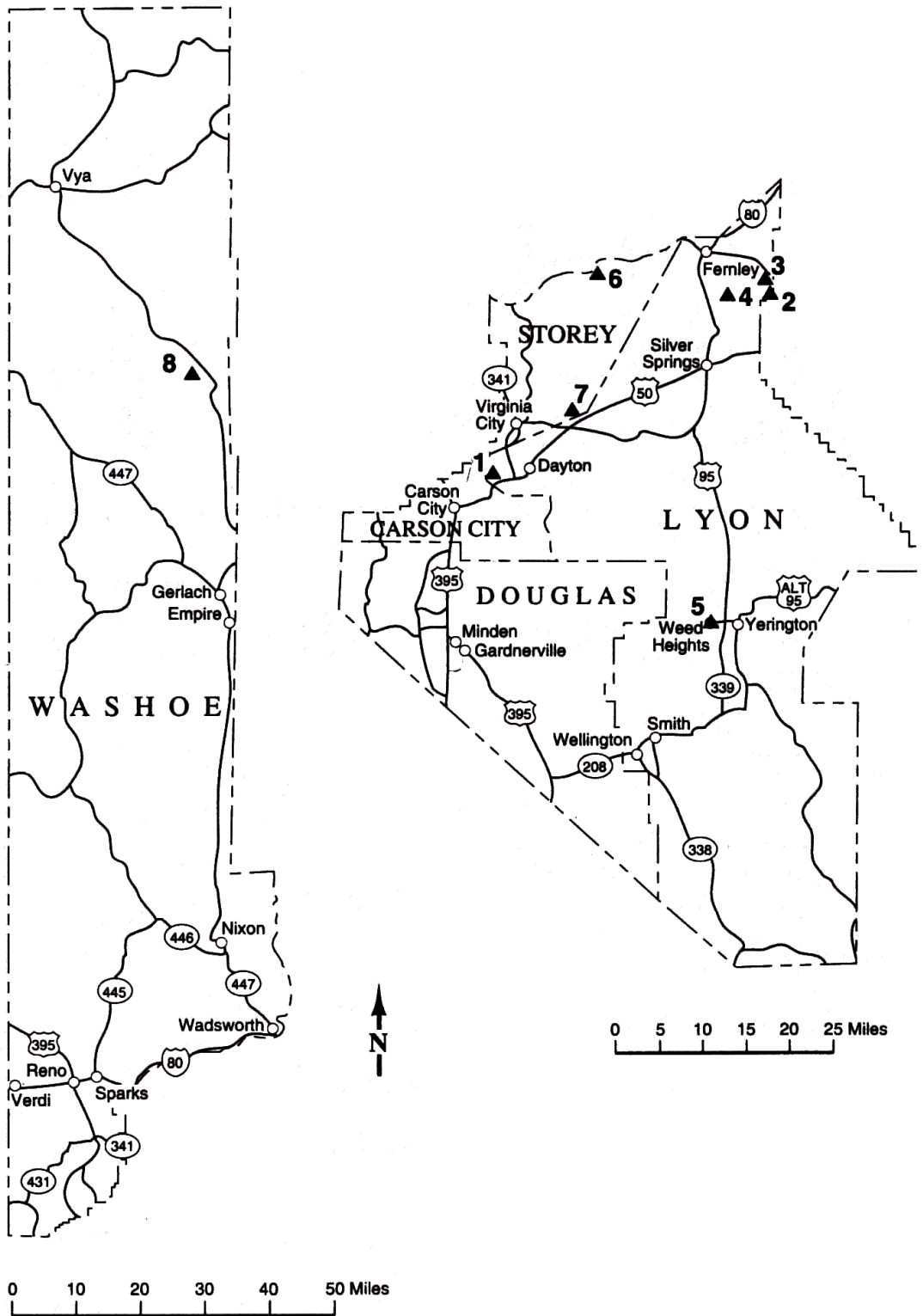
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Lyon County

Adams Claim Gypsum Mine (1)

Operator:

Art Wilson Co.
P.O. Box 1160
Carson City, NV 89702
702-246-5777

Company employees: 7

Production:

Gypsum

CR Minerals Mine (2)

Operator:

CR Minerals Corp.
P.O. Box 455
Fernley, NV 89408
702-575-2536 Fax:575-4857

Company employees: 17

Production:

Diatomite

Hazen Pit (3)

Operator:

Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc.
P.O.Box10480
Reno, NV 89510
702-343-1818

Production:

Diatomite

NCC Limestone Quarry (4)

Operator:

Nevada Cement Co.
P.O. Box 840
Fernley, NV 89408
702-575-2281 Fax:575-4387

Company employees: 142

Production:

Limestone/Clay

Yerington and MacArthur Mines (5)

Operator:

Arimetco, Inc.
102 Burch Drive
Yerington, NV 89447
702-463-3125 Fax:463-3127
Company employees: 99

Production:

Copper - 12,995,000 pounds

Storey County

Clark Mine and Mill (6)

Operator:

Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc.
P.O. Box 10480
Reno, NV 89510
702-343-1818

Company employees: 67

Production:

Diatomite

Golden Eagle Mine (7)

Operator:

American Eagle Resources, Inc.
P.O. Box 859
Virginia City, NV 89440
702-246-0761 Fax: 246-3117

Company employees: 17

Production:

Gold - 5,300 oz
Silver - 58,000 oz

Washoe County

Western Hog Ranch Mine (8)

Operator:

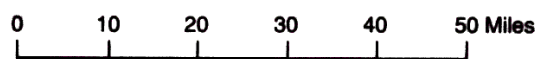
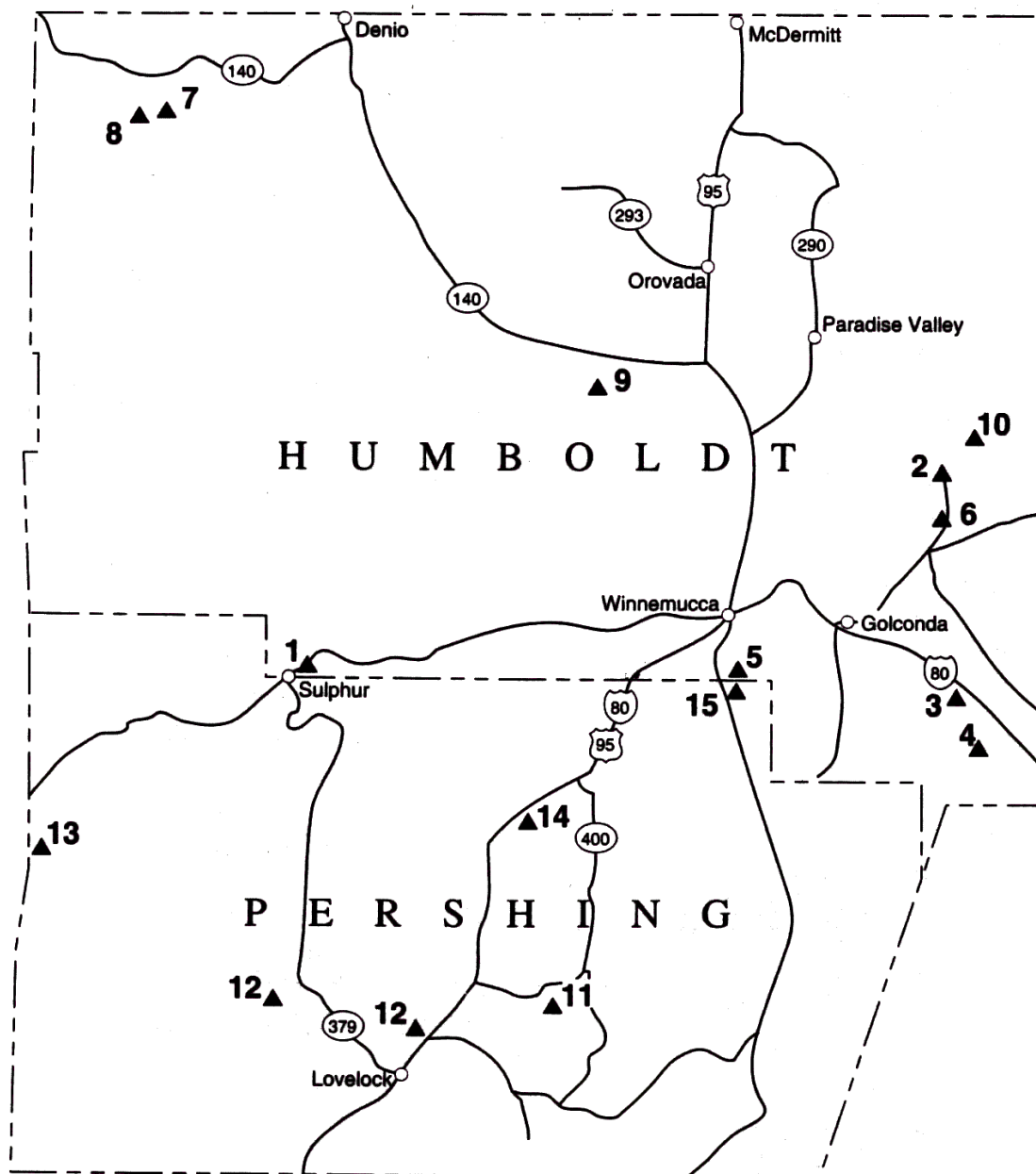
Western Mining Corp. USA
P.O. Box 9
Gerlach, NV 89412
702-557-2345 Fax:557-2535

Company employees: 8
Contract employees: 16

Production:

Gold - 3,000 oz
Silver - 300 oz

Section II - Humboldt and Pershing



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Humboldt County

Crofoot/Lewis Mine (1)

Operator:

Hycroft Resources & Dev., Inc.

P.O. Box 3030

Winnemucca, NV 89446

702-623-5260 Fax:625-0215

Company employees: 242

Production:

Gold -101,128 oz

Silver - 417,823 oz

Getchell Mine (2)

Operator:

FirstMiss Gold Inc.

P.O. Box 220

Golconda, NV 89414

702-635-5001 Fax:635-5262

Company employees: 350

Contract employees: 200

Production:

Gold - 120,000 oz

Silver - 72,000 oz

Lone Tree Mine (3)

Operator:

Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp.

P.O. Box 388

Valmy, NV 89438

702-635-9000 Fax:635-0111

Company employees: 361

Production:

Gold - 240,000 oz

Silver - 11,000 oz

Marigold Mine (4)

Operator:

Rayrock Mines, Inc.

P.O. Box 160

Valmy, NV 89438

702-623-9571 Fax:635-2551

Company employees: 110

Production:

Gold - 59,800 oz

MIN-AD Mine and Mill (5)

Operator:

MIN-AD, Inc.

4210 W. Jungo Road

Winnemucca, NV 89445

702-623-5944 Fax:623-9028

Company employees: 13

Production:

Specialty limestone - 50,000 tons

Pinson Mine (6)

Operator:

Rayrock Mines, Inc.

P.O. Box 129

Winnemucca, NV 89446

702-623-5036 Fax:623-5030

Company employees: 105

Production:

Gold - 44,854 oz

Rainbow Ridge (7)

Operator:

Rainbow Ridge Opal Mines, Inc.

P.O. Box 97

Denio, NV 89404

702-941-0270

Production:

Precious opal

Royal Peacock Opal Mine (8)

Operator:

Walter Wilson

P.O. Box 55

Denio, NV 89404

702-941-0374

Production:

Precious opal

Sleeper Mine (9)

Operator:

Nevada Gold Mining Inc.

600 Sod House Road

Winnemucca, NV 89445

702-623-1112 Fax:623-1115

Company employees: 124

Production:

Gold - 82,062 oz

Silver - 98,694 oz

Section II - Humboldt and Pershing

Twin Creeks Mine (10)

Operator:

Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corp.
P.O. Box 69
Golconda, NV 89414
702-623-4300 Fax:635-4596
Company employees: 925
Contract employees: 154

Production:

Gold - 451,285 oz
Silver - 265,462 oz

Pershing County

Coeur Rochester Mine (11)

Operator:

Coeur D'Alene Mines Corp.
P.O. Box 1057
Lovelock, NV 89419
702-273-7995 Fax:273-7423
Company employees: 293

Production:

Gold - 59,226 oz
Silver - 6,491,167 oz

Colado Mine and Plant (12)

Operator:

Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc.
150 Coal Canyon Road
Lovelock, NV 89419
702-273-2636
Company employees: 141
Contract employees: 8

Production:

Diatomite

Empire Mine (13)

Operator:

United States Gypsum Co.
P.O. Box 130
Empire, NV 89405
702-557-2341 Fax:557-2212
Company employees: 133

Production:

Gypsum- 377,251 tons

Florida Canyon Mine (14)

Operator:

Florida Canyon Mining, Inc.
P.O. Box 330
Imlay, NV 89418
702-538-7300 Fax:538-7324
Company employees: 193
Contract employees: 107

Production:

Gold - 111,157 oz
Silver - 62,624 oz

Sexton and Sons Mine and Mill (15)

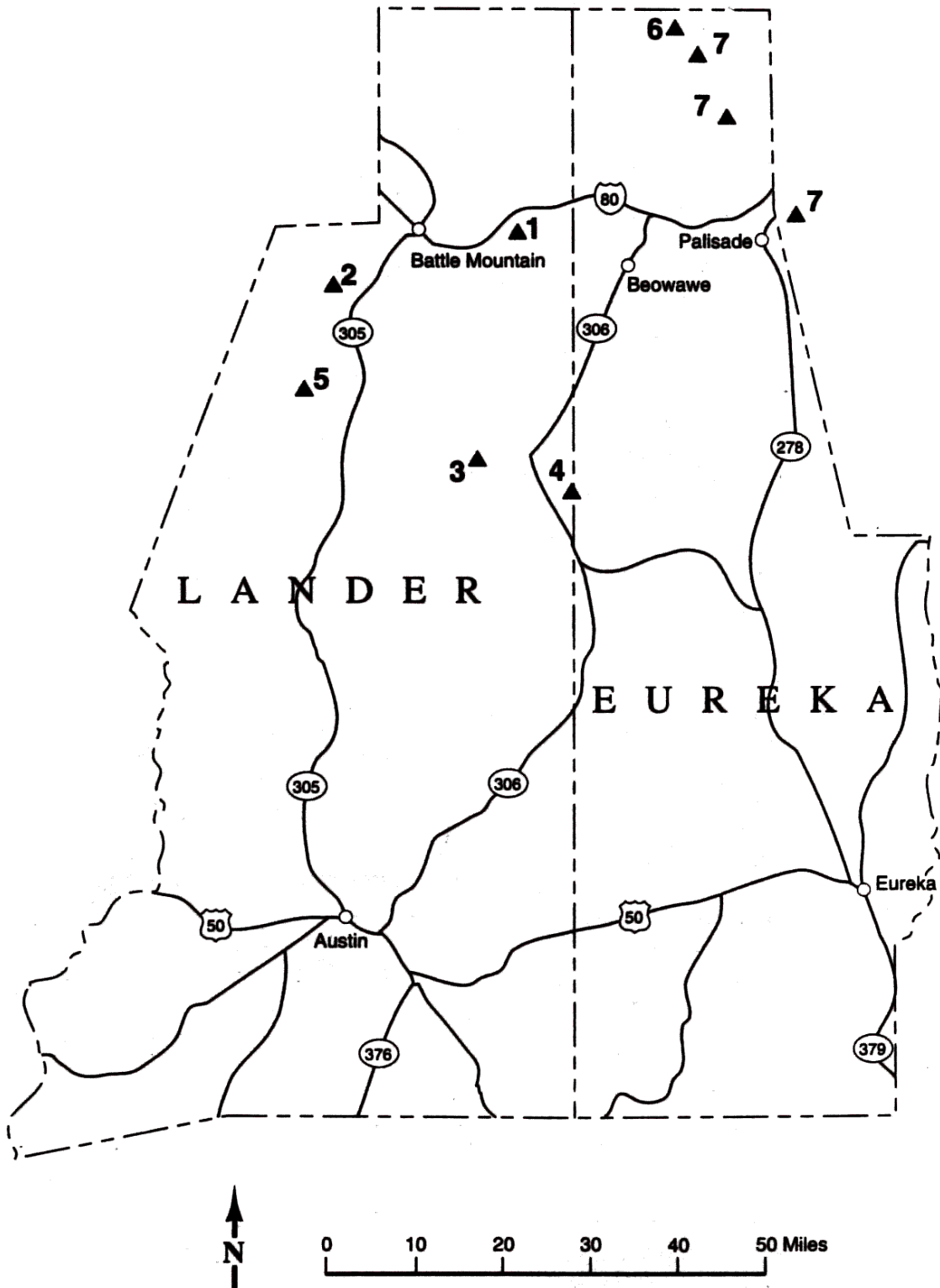
Operator:

Nutritional Additives Corp.
1230 Bridge Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445
702-623-3328
Company employees: 6

Production:

Dolomite

Section III - Lander and Eureka



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Lander County

Argenta Mine and Mill (1)

Operator:

Baker Hughes INTEQ
P.O. Box 277
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
702-635-5441 Fax:635-5455
Company employees: 16
Shipped:
Barite - 36,449 tons

Battle Mountain Complex (2)

Operator:

Battle Mountain Gold Co.
P.O. Box 1627
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
702-635-2465 Fax:635-8677
Company employees: 120
Production
Gold - 74,958 oz
Silver - 206,807 oz

Battle Mountain Grinding Plant (Greystone Mine) (3)

Operator:

M-I Drilling Fluids Co.
P.O. Box 370
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
702-635-5135 Fax:635-2191
Company employees: 69
Shipped:
Barite - 298,767 tons

Cortez Gold Mines (4)

Operator:

Placer Dome U.S. Inc.
HC66-50, Star Route
Beowawe, NV 89821
702-468-0505 Fax:468-0511
Company employees: 198
Production:
Gold - 111,215 oz
Silver - 6,804 oz

McCoy/Cove Mine (5)

Operator:

Echo Bay Minerals Co.
P.O.Box 1658
Battle Mountain, NV 89820
702-635-5500 Fax:635-5098
Company employees: 479
Production:
Gold - 310,016 oz
Silver - 11,905,805 oz

Eureka County

Betze-Post Mine (6)

Operator:

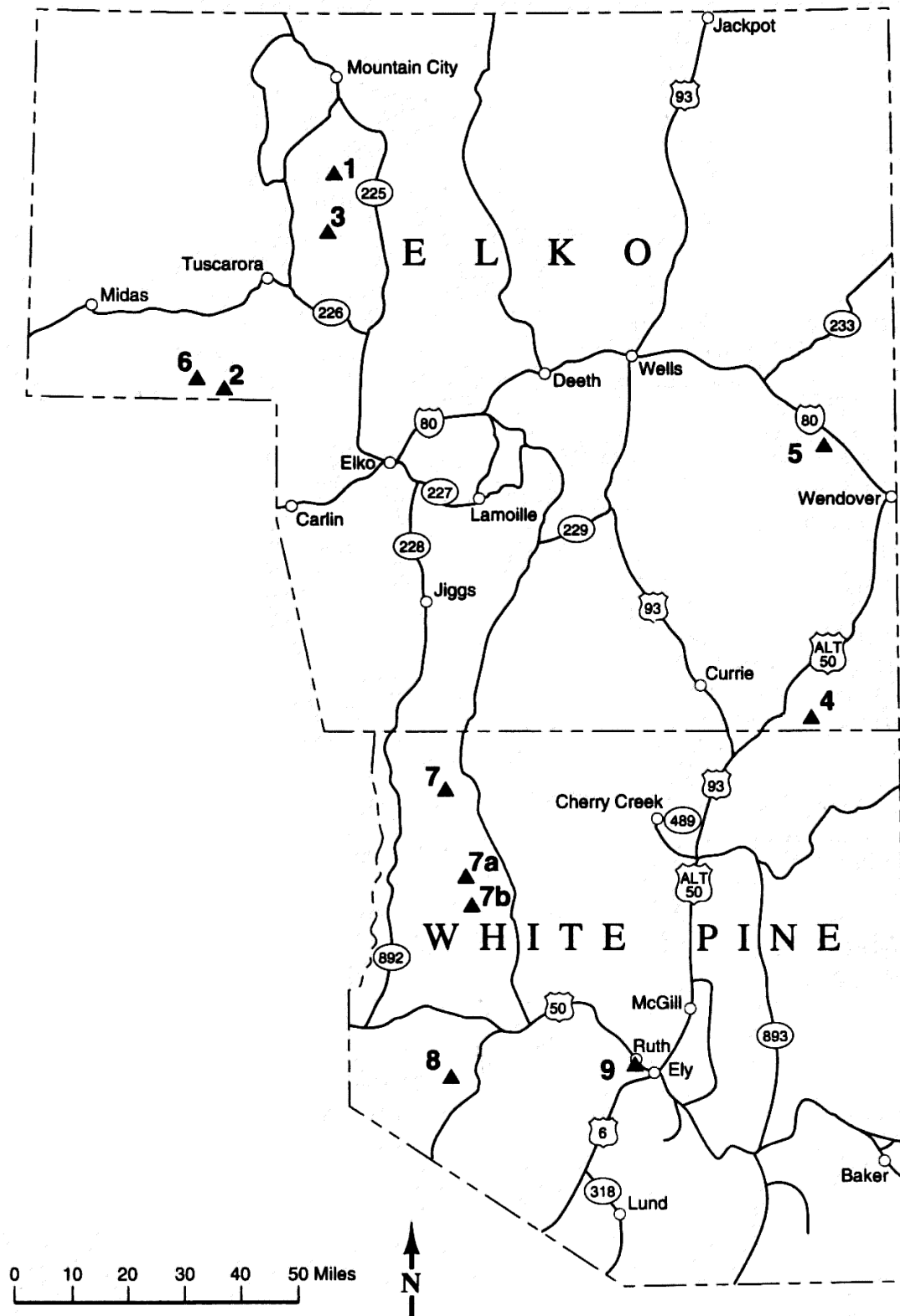
Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc.
P.O. Box 29
Elko, NV 89803
702-738-8043 Fax:738-6543
Company employees: 1,549
Contract employees: 200
Production:
Gold - 2,031,883 oz
Silver - 68,217 oz

Newmont Gold Company (7)

Operator:

Newmont Gold Co.
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, NV 89822
702-778-4000 Fax:778-4754
Company employees: 2,277
Production:
Gold -1,634,483 oz
Silver -187,859 oz

Section IV - Elko and White Pine



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Elko County

Big Springs Mine (1)

Operator:

Independence Mining Co., Inc.

HC31 Box 78

Elko, NV 89801

702-758-9221 Fax:758-9231

Company employees: 5

Production:

Gold - 1,780 oz

Silver - 280 oz

Dee Gold Mine (2)

Operator:

Rayrock Mines, Inc.

P.O. Box 1193

Elko, NV 89803

702-738-6440 Fax:738-6520

Company employees: 89

Production:

Gold - 45,000 oz

Jerritt Canyon Mine (3)

Operator:

Independence Mining Co., Inc.

HC31 Box 78

Elko, NV 89801

702-758-9221 Fax:758-9231

Company employees: 649

Production:

Gold - 328,000 oz

Kinsley Mountain Mine (4)

Operator:

Alta Gold Co.

HC 10, Box 10050

Ely, NV 89301

702-289-3007 Fax:289-4138

Company employees: 88

Contract employees: 3

Production:

Gold - 44,040 oz

Silver - 8,050 oz

Pilot Peak Lime Plant (5)

Operator:

Continental Lime Inc.

P.O. Box 2520

Wendover, NV 89883

702-478-5463 Fax:478-5149

Company employees: 49

Production:

Limestone

Rossi Mine (6)

Operator:

Baroid Drilling Fluids

P.O. Box 340

Battle Mountain, NV 89820

702-468-0515 Fax:468-2060

Company employee: 1

Contract employees: 33

Shipped:

Barite - 178,627 tons

White Pine County

Bald Mountain Mine (7)

Operator:

Placer Dome U.S. Inc.

P.O. Box 2706

Elko, NV 89801

702-744-4227 Fax:744-4216

Company employees: 210

Production (includes Alligator Ridge [7a] and Yankee [7b] Projects):

Gold - 114,200 oz

Silver - 11,800 oz

Mt. Hamilton Mine (8)

Operator:

Mt. Hamilton Mining Co.

P.O. Box 150476

East Ely, NV 89315

702-237-5100 Fax:237-5158

Company employees: 169

Production:

Gold - 52,000 oz

Silver - 100,000 oz

Section IV - Elko and White Pine

Robinson Mine (9)

Operator:

BHP Copper North America

P.O. Box 382

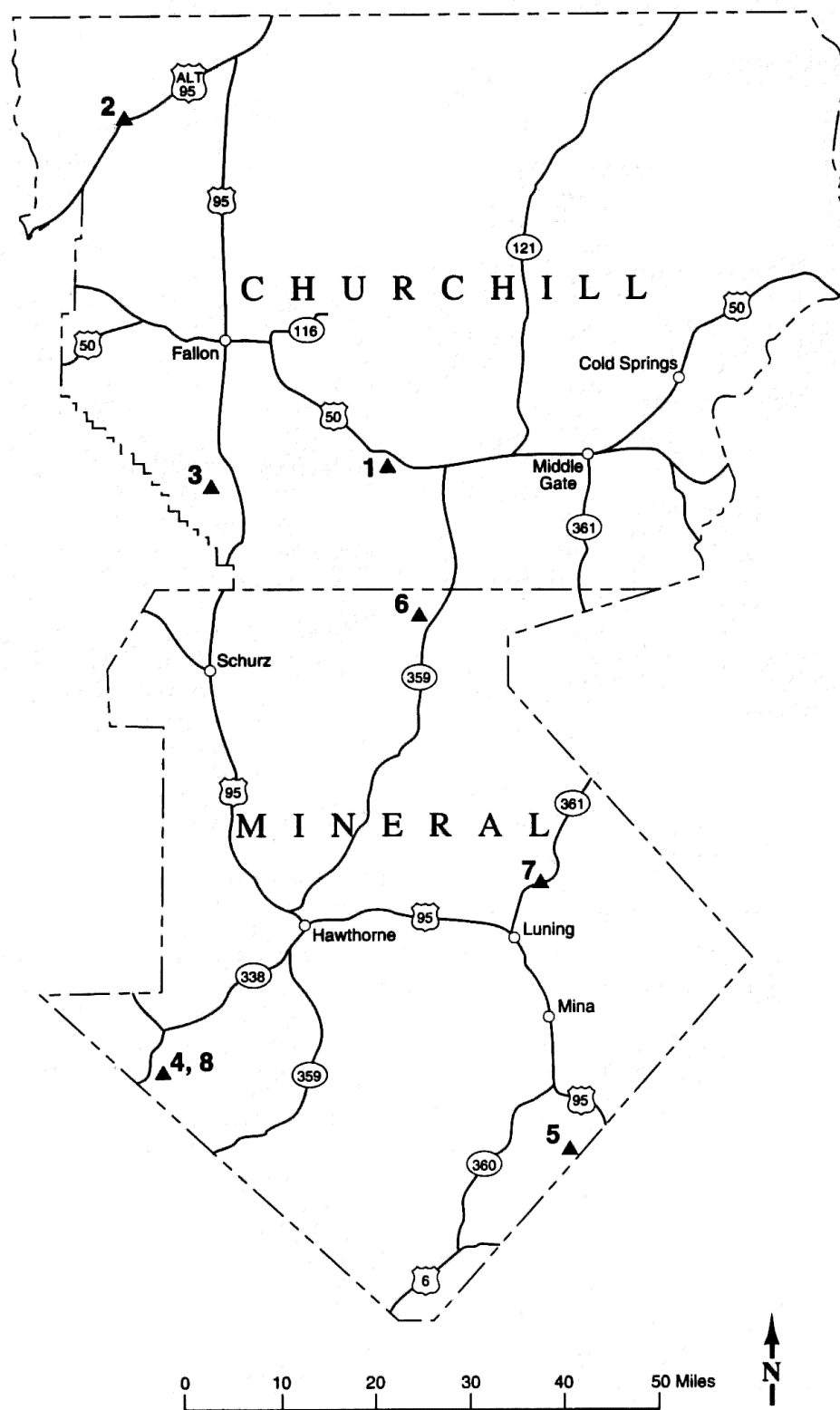
Ruth, NV 89319

702-289-7000 Fax:289-7102

Production:

Copper/Gold

Section V - Churchill and Mineral



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Churchill County

Huck Salt (1)

Operator:

Huck Salt Co.
5033 Austin Hwy.
Fallon, NV 89406
702-423-2055

Company employees: 6

Production:

Salt - 13,000 tons

Molten Company/Fernley Nevada Plant (2)

Operator:

B.J. Gurley
P.O. Box 860
Fernley, NV 89408
702-786-5666 Fax:786-6027
Company employees: 74

Production:

Diatomite

Popcorn Mine (3)

Operator:

Eagle-Picher Minerals, Inc.
P.O. Box 10480
Reno, NV 89510
702-343-1818

Production:

Perlite

Mineral County

Aurora Mine (4)

Operator:

Aurora Consolidated Mines Co.
P.O. Box 3070
Hawthorne, NV 89415
702-945-3368 Fax:945-3360

Company employees: 46

Production:

Gold - 15,000 oz
Silver - 35,000 oz

Candelaria Mine (5)

Operator:

Kinross Candelaria Mining Co.
P.O. Box 1240
Hawthorne, NV 89415
702-573-2471 Fax:573-2520
Company employees: 52
Contract employees: 90

Production:

Silver - 2,866,000 oz
Gold - 10,720 oz

Denton-Rawhide Mine (6)

Operator:

Kennecott Rawhide Mining Co.
P.O. Box 2070
Fallon, NV 89407
702-773-2020 Fax:773-2221
Company employees: 170
Contract employees: 5

Production:

Gold - 117,000 oz
Silver - 960,000 oz

Santa Fe Mine (7)

Operator:

Corona Gold, Inc.
P.O. Box 3220
Hawthorne, NV 89415
702-945-3610 Fax:945-2046
Company employees: 14

Production:

Gold - 16,670 oz
Silver - 41,000 oz

The Aurora Partnership Mine (8)

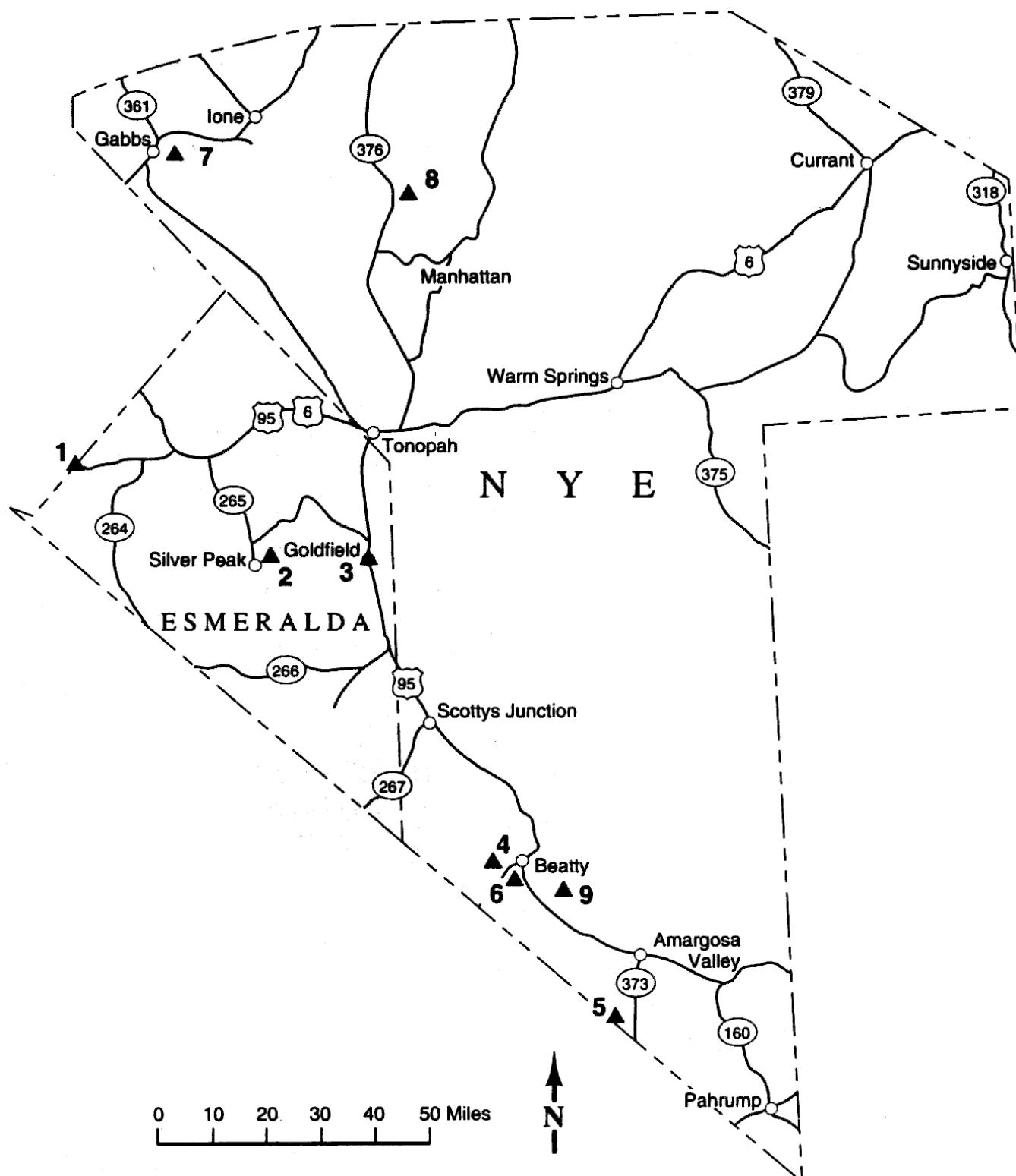
Operator:

Electra Mining Corp.
P.O. Box 1628
Hawthorne, NV 89415
702-945-3341 Fax:945-3162
Company employees: 20

Production:

Gold - 15,048 oz
Silver - 39,853 oz

Section VI - Esmeralda and Nye



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Esmeralda County

Basalt Mine and Mill (1)

Operator:

Grefco Minerals, Inc.
P.O. Box 288
Mina, NV 89422
Dicalite Toll Station #1
Fax: 619-872-6006
Company employees: 6

Production:

Diatomite

Cyprus-Silver Peak (2)

Operator:

Cyprus Foote Mineral Co.
P.O. Box 98
Silver Peak, NV 89047
702-937-2222 Fax:937-2250
Company employees: 60
Contract employees: 7

Production:

Lithium carbonate

Goldfield Operation (3)

Operator:

American Resource Corp.
P.O. Box 160
Goldfield, NV 89013
702-485-3218 Fax:485-3268
Company employees: 16

Production:

Gold - 9,850 oz

Nye County

Barrick-Bullfrog Mine (4)

Operator:

Barrick Bullfrog Corp.
P.O. Box 519
Beatty, NV 89003
702-553-2900 Fax:553-2963
Company employees: 316
Contract employees: 56

Production:

Gold- 177,631 oz
Silver - 413,587 oz

IMV Division of Floridin (5)

Operator:

Floridin Co.
Route Box 549
Amargosa Valley, NV 89020
702-372-5341 Fax:372-5640
Company employees: 37
Contract employee: 1

Production:

Specialty clays - 28,590 tons

New Discovery Mine and Mill (6)

Operator:

Vanderbilt Minerals Corp.
2320 Viking Road
Las Vegas, NV 89109
702-732-3174 Fax:731-3621
Company employees: 5

Production:

Specialty clay

Premier Services Mine (7)

Operator:

American Premier
P.O. Box 177
Gabbs, NV 89409
702-285-2601 Fax:285-4021
Company employees: 90

Production:

Magnesium oxide

Round Mountain Mine (8)

Operator:

Smoky Valley Common Operation
P.O. Box 480
Round Mountain, NV 89045
702-377-2366 Fax:377-3240
Company employees: 540

Production:

Gold - 344,437 oz
Silver - 250,529 oz

Section VI - Esmeralda and Nye

Sterling Mine (9)

Operator:

Cathedral Gold US Corp.

P.O. Box 549

Beatty, NV 89003

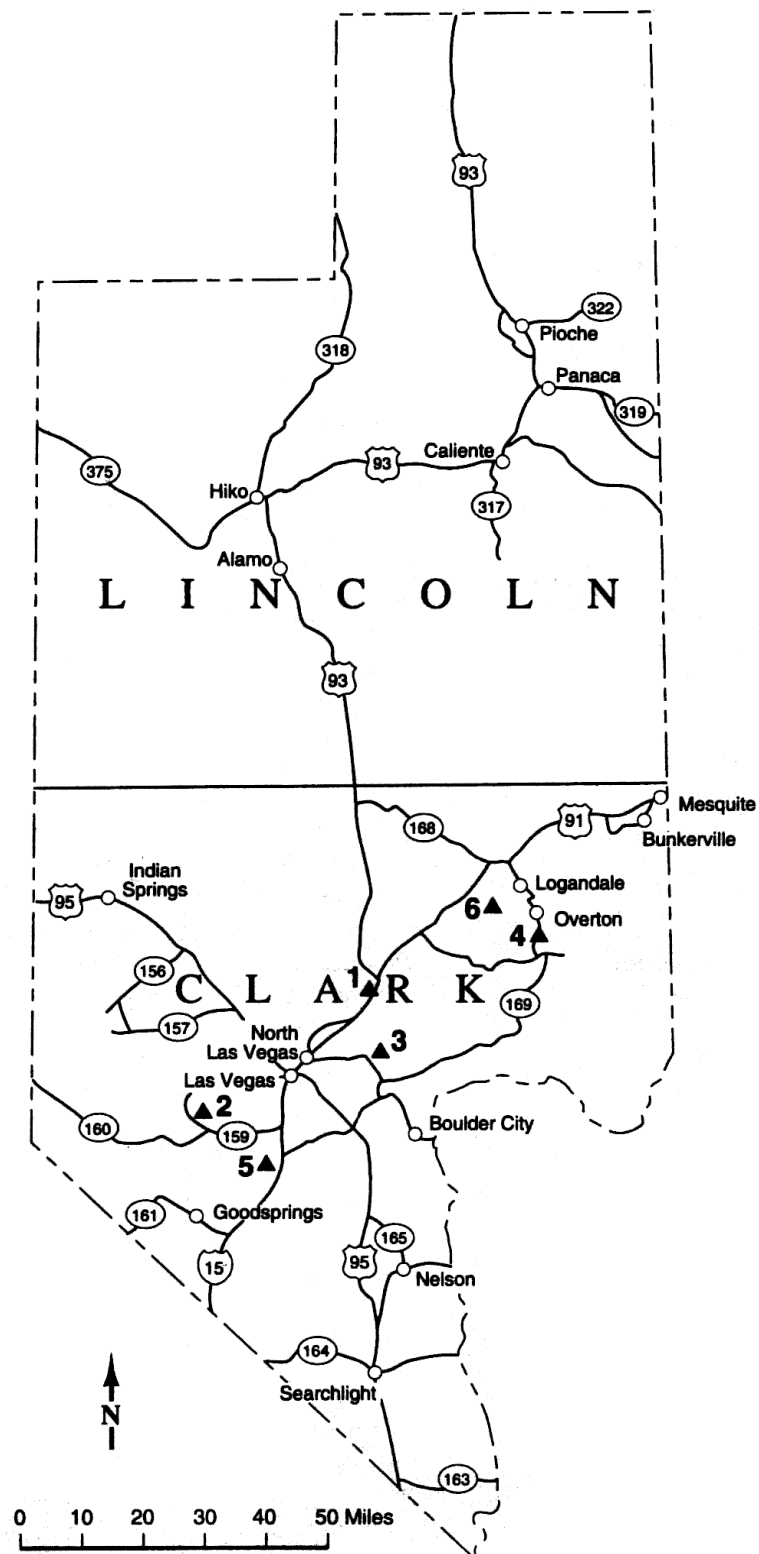
702-222-4844 Fax:372-1720

Company employees: 53

Production:

Gold - 14,000 oz

Section VII - Clark and Lincoln



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Clark County

Apex Mine and Plant (1)

Operator:
Chemical Lime Co.
P.O. Box 3609
North Las Vegas, NV 89036
702-643-7702 Fax:643-9517
Company employees: 51
Production:
Limestone

James Hardie Gypsum (2)

Operator:
James Hardie Gypsum (NV) Inc.
HCR 89033, Box 2900
Las Vegas, NV 89124
702-875-4111 Fax:875-4213
Company employees: 122
Production:
Gypsum - 462,044 tons

PABCO Gypsum (3)

Operator:
Pacific Coast Building Products, Inc.
1973 N. Nellis Blvd. #328
Las Vegas, NV 89115
702-643-1016 Fax:643-6249
Company employees: 80
Contract employees: 3
Production:
Gypsum - 585,428 tons

Simplot Silica Products (4)

Operator:
Simplot Industries
P.O. Box 308
Overton, NV 89040
702-397-2667 Fax:397-2798
Company employees: 44
Production:
Silica sand - 688,966 tons

Sloan Mine (5)

Operator:
Chemical Lime Co.
HCR 37, Box 2300
Las Vegas, NV 89124
702-361-6901 Fax:361-7890
Company employees: 10
Production:
Limestone

Weiser Quarry (6)

Operator:
Georgia-Pacific Corp.
P.O. Box 30006
North Las Vegas, NV 89036
702-643-8100 Fax:643-2049
Company employees: 72
Production:
Gypsum - 17,840 tons

SUMMARY OF 1995 PRODUCTION OF MINES LISTED IN THIS REPORT

Gold	6,764,476 ounces
Silver	24,602,384 ounces
Barite (shipped)	466,627 tons
Copper	12,995,000 pounds
Diatomite	*
Dolomite	*
Gypsum	1,238,438 tons
Limestone	2,340,000 tons
Lithium carbonate	*
Magnesium oxide	*
Mercury	*
Perlite	*
Precious opal	100 pounds
Salt	13,314 tons
Silica sand	688,966 tons
Specialty clay	79,000 tons

*Proprietary information.

Economic Impacts of Mining in Nevada 1995

Mining in Nevada continues to play a major role in the economy of Nevada, just as it has since the discovery of the Comstock silver deposits beginning in 1859. The Nevada mineral industry in 1995, as it has for several years, led the nation in the production of gold, silver, and barite; second in diatomite and lithium; and was the only producer of mined magnesite. Total mineral production in Nevada in 1995 had an estimated value of approximately \$3.2 billion.

Employment

Over 13,700 workers were employed by Nevada mining operations. The average annual pay for these workers, the highest of any sector in the state, is approximately \$45,000, compared to the average salary in Nevada of approximately \$26,000 per year. Nevada mining's total payroll for the year is over \$600 million. In addition to the direct employment in mining, using the Department of Commerce multiplier, there are about 47,000 additional indirect jobs created in the state related to providing goods and services needed by the industry.

Taxes and Other Impacts

The taxes paid by the mining industry to state and local government include property taxes, sales and use tax and, unique to the minerals industry, net proceeds of mines tax. The total for these taxes paid by the mining industry in 1994 was approximately \$113 million. Total taxes paid for 1995 are not yet tallied, but they should be approximately equal to those paid for 1994.

The economic impact of mining is important for the state as a whole, but the greatest impacts are felt by local communities near the mines. These towns, like Elko, Lovelock, Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Beatty, Eureka, and fly enjoy healthy economies because of the high paying employment and the taxes and contributions of the industry.

In addition to the positive economic impacts, growth related to mine development often affects nearby communities in ways that are difficult for local governments to cope with. Strains on schools, police, and fire protection as well as other public services are felt when large mines open or undergo expansions. As a partial offset to these strains, many mining companies have provided donations of money, water systems, school buildings, buses, etc. to the communities where their mines are located. An example of how mining companies can work with their communities is illustrated by BHP Copper North America's Robinson Operations near fly. The company has provided an interest-free loan package of \$1 million that is available to the city of Ely, White Pine County, and the County School District to address various needs.

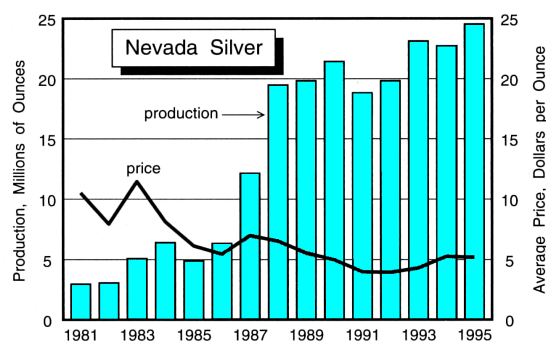
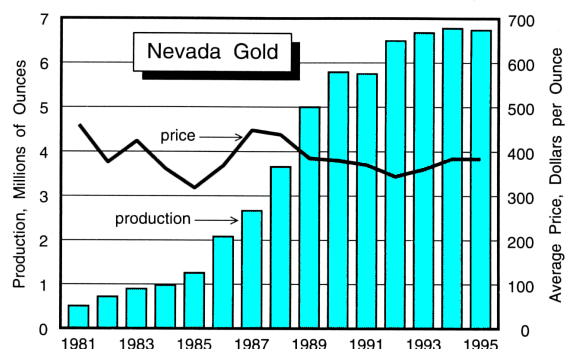
Permitting and Reclamation

Before mining can take place, plans must be submitted and permits must be obtained from federal and state agencies that have requirements to protect water, air, wildlife, land, and other resources. Nevada and federal laws and regulations require that lands that are disturbed by mining must be rehabilitated so they can be used for other purposes when mining is complete. The goal of this process, called reclamation, is to return mined areas to a condition capable of supporting resources and activities such as wildlife habitat, livestock grazing, recreation, and new industrial uses. To ensure reclamation is done, bonds are posted by operators and held by the government regulators. Bonds are released only after the area is stabilized and reclamation

criteria are met. The various uses of the land after mining and reclamation also have a beneficial economic impact on nearby communities and on the state.

Gold Reserves

Nevada's reported gold reserves which can be mined at a profit with reasonably foreseeable economics at or near currently operating mines are estimated at approximately 96 million ounces. Many Nevada mining operations have been able to add to reserves each year with development drilling, thereby extending their lives. Also, there are extensive additional gold resources at properties that are currently in various stages of development and permitting prior to mining. Major new gold mines are proposed for Eureka, Elko, Lander, Pershing, and Humboldt Counties and will be contributing to Nevada production within the next one to three years.



Exploration

Exploration for new mines, particularly gold, is an ongoing effort by all the producing companies and many others who do not operate mines in the state. Approximately 320 geologists are employed primarily in Nevada to explore for mineral properties that can be developed into new mines. These geologists, their support staff and expenditures on drilling, assaying, travel and other related costs, represent a significant additional economic impact due to mining activity in Nevada.

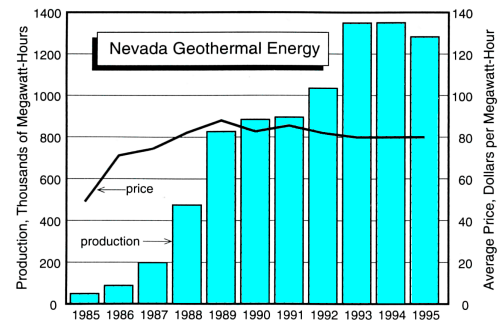
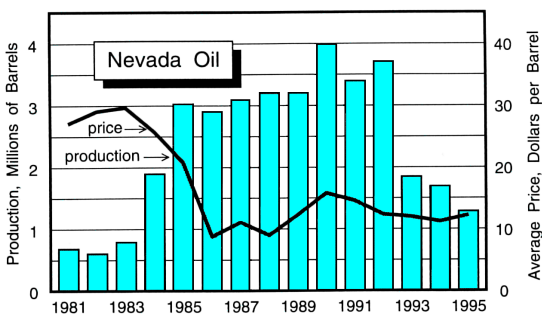
Minerals Other Than Gold and Silver

Other minerals besides gold and silver are important to Nevada's economy as well. Industrial minerals such as limestone, gypsum, barite, magnesite and specialty clays are mined in the state. Sand and gravel and crushed stone are critical to the building requirements of the state's cities and towns and to the infrastructure of roads and airports. Copper metal mining is once again becoming a major contributor to the economy of the state with opening of a BHP Copper North America's major new operation in the Robinson district near Ely. During its 1995 construction and other work in preparation for mining, this operation, with approximately 413 company employees and 700 contractor employees, is having a significant economic impact on the town of Ely. Copper production from this operation began in February 1996.

Oil and gas exploration and production in Nevada is a small industry when compared with mining, but it does contribute to the economy of east-central Nevada. In oil field terms, Nevada

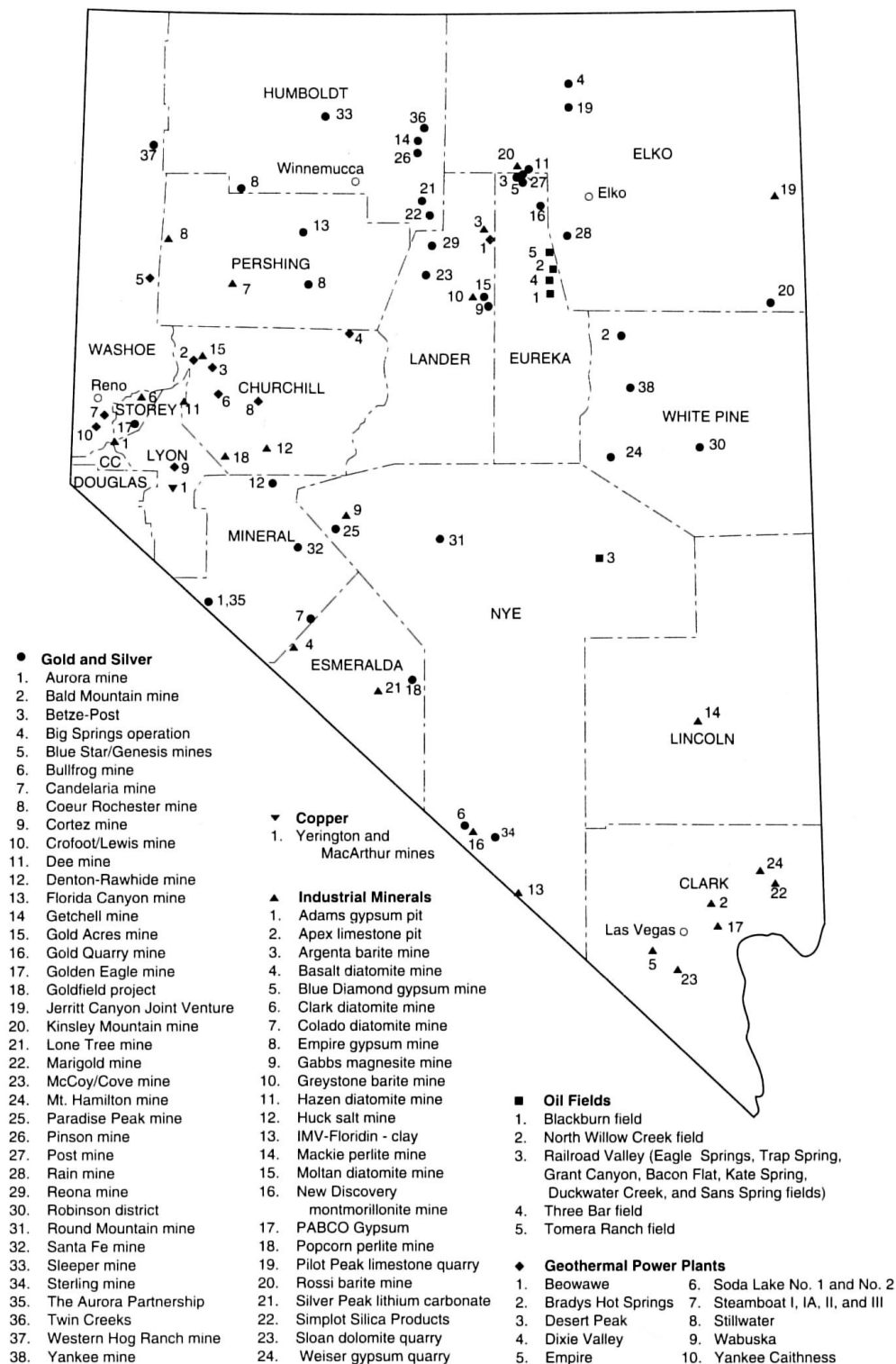
is a "frontier," meaning its potential is really yet to be realized. Oil production in 1995 was approximately 1.3 million barrels (42 gallons per barrel) with an average value estimated at \$12.25 per barrel, or \$15.9 million. Nevada oil is used for the production of kerosene, diesel fuel, boiler fuel, and asphalt. In 1995, 34 new wells were drilled for oil and 6 of these became producing wells. These wells, many of which are risky exploration wells called wildcats, indicate the oil industry's enthusiasm for Nevada's potential. No natural gas is commercially produced in the state, however minor gas is produced at the Rate Spring field in Railroad Valley and is used to fuel onsite equipment.

Nevada is rich in geothermal resources. There are currently 14 plants at 10 locations in the state with a total electric generating rated capacity of 208.6 megawatts (MW). Net geothermal electrical production sold in Nevada in 1995 was 1,284,649 MW hours with a value estimated at \$103 million. Electric generating capacity and output have been fairly steady for the past several years. Geothermal heat is also used in a variety of commercial, domestic and public applications in Nevada. Mining, aquaculture and agriculture also benefit from geothermal resources. Schools in Elko County, and homes and commercial buildings in Lincoln and Washoe Counties are examples of public and private facilities in Nevada saving costs and utilizing this renewable energy resource.



Conclusion

In conclusion, Nevada's mineral industry continued to be a major economic force in the state during 1995. This situation should continue for many years to come. The conditions that lead to this optimism are that most Nevada mines have significant known reserves with good potential to add to those reserves. Gold exploration efforts have been successful and new large mining projects are being developed and will be on line within the next several years. Oil and gas exploration has increased, as the state has caught the eye of oil company explorationists. Finally, geothermal energy production has remained steady.



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